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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER RE PUERTO RICO
AND KOREA

REF: KATHMANDU 3409

1. NEPALESE EMBASSY OFFICER SEPTEMBER 29 DELIVERED TO
COUNTRY DIRECTOR KUX A LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 6 FROM
FOREIGN MINISTER ARYAL TO SECRETARY KISSINGER. LETTER
REITERATES NEPAL'S POSITION ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA, IN
RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S LETTER AND AMBASSADOR MAYTAG'S
DEMARCHE OF AUGUST 7.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER. BEGIN QUOTE. EXCELLENCY,
HIS MAJESTY THE KING HAS COMMANDED ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE
RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE REGARDING THE VIEWS OF THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA WHICH WAS CONVEYED BY
THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN KATHMANDU ON AUGUST 7, 1976.

3. I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT ON
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PUERTO RICO, HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IS WELL AWARE OF THE

FEELINGS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS THE EVOLUTION OF COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO. WE RECOGNISE PUERTO RICO'S RIGHT OF SELF-

DETERMINATION AND WELCOME U.S. ASSURANCE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE IF THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO SO DESIRES. OUR POLICY IN REGARD TO PUERTO RICO IS BASED ON FULL UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POSITION.

4. ON THE QUESTION OF KOREA, HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT KNOWN ITS VIEWS AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND VARIOUS NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS INCLUDING THE COLOMBO SUMMIT. OUR BASIC POSITION IS THAT THE KOREAN QUESTION SHOULD BE SOLVED PEACEFULLY, BY THE EFFORTS AND AGREEMENT BY BOTH NORTH KOREA AND SOUTH KOREA WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. WE HAVE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR PEACEFUL, CONCILIATORY POSTURE BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND THE EARLY RESUMPTION OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, WHICH CAN BRING ABOUT THE DESIRED RESULT. WE HAVE REGARDED YOUR EXCELLENCY'S JULY 22ND PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE ON KOREA AS ONE DESIGNED TO BRING THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED CLOSER TOGETHER IN THE ATTAINMENT OF THEIR PROFESSED AIM OF REUNIFICATION.

5. PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. KRISHNA RAJ ARYAL. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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